

REMARKS

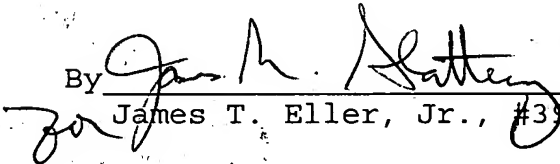
The specification has been amended to provide the required paragraph concerning claimed priority.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By  #28380
James T. Eller, Jr., #39,538

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

JTE/rem
0943-0142P

Attachment(s):